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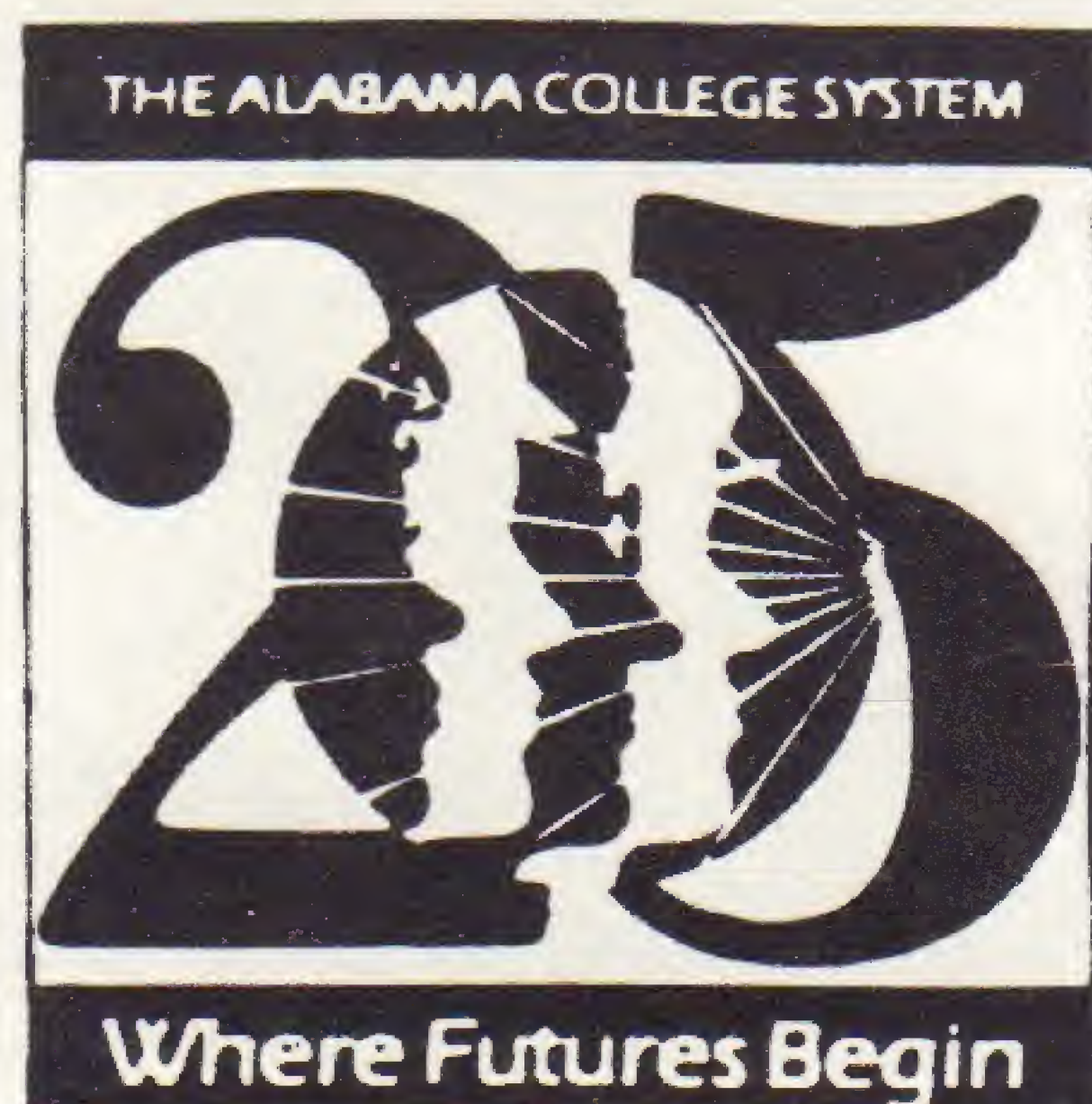
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## Growth and Development in Alabama's Public Colleges

*With increased accreditation and enormous growth in the number of quality academic and occupational programs, Alabama's public two-year colleges are creating educational and economic opportunities for the future of Alabama.*





## Kennedy completes 10 years at Bishop State

MOBILE -- Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, president of Bishop State Community College since 1981, concluded 10 years at the helm with the end of summer quarter.

Under her guidance, Bishop State has grown to three campuses, with a fourth one waiting in the wings. The student population has soared to over 4000.

In 1981, when Dr. Kennedy was named president by the Alabama State Board of Education, she became the first black woman to be appointed to head a

state college in Alabama. In 1979 she was the first black woman of Mobile County to be elected as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives, District 103.

Last month, Dr. Kennedy was a convention speaker at the 1992 Democratic Party Convention which nominated Bill Clinton and Albert Gore as the party's 1992 presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

Dr. Kennedy serves as the international president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She pre-



sided over the group's annual convention in Baltimore this past summer.

Dr. Kennedy is a graduate of Bishop

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## McLeod receives fellowship to Harvard

BREWTON -- Dr. Sandra McLeod, president of Jefferson Davis Community College, received a fellowship to attend Harvard University's Institute for Education Management during the month of July.

The Institute consisted of 95 presidents and other senior administrators from colleges and universities from around

the country who were invited to participate in the month-long intensive training program.

Classes were held six days a week from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and included topics such as educational leadership; financial management; marketing; technology decisions; law, policy, and the common good; crisis management; and state politics.





## Shelton State pioneers switch to semesters

TUSCALOOSA -- Taking the lead in a pilot program for two-year colleges in Alabama, Shelton State Community College will move from the quarter to the semester system effective fall 1992.

Dr. Fred Gainous, chancellor of the Alabama College System, offered Shelton State the opportunity this fall to become the lead institution in a pilot program to move all of Alabama's two-year colleges to the semester system. The offer was extended to the college because of Shelton's size, geographic location, and its close relationship with the University of Alabama.

The idea of moving Alabama's two-year colleges to the semester system began several years ago when a committee of two-year college presidents from across the state recommended to the President's association and Chancellor Gainous a conversion of the colleges to the semester format when the opportunity presented itself.

In this process of changing to the semester system, Shelton State is expected to move quickly, design a documentation process to provide an assessment of results and serve as a consultant to the remainder of the system. Already transitional teams consisting of faculty, staff, and students are working on implementing the project.

During the process, Shelton State will attempt to insure that no student currently enrolled and approaching graduation will be negatively affected because of the change.

"This is a step the college must take in order to be the college we need to be," Dr. Thomas Umphrey, president of Shelton State Community College, said.

"Moving to the semester system will greatly benefit our students. It will reduce the time a student spends in registration and will allow for a more flexible scheduling of classes.

"The move will also allow our students to transfer directly to the University of Alabama and other four year colleges who are on the semester system," he said.

"The semester system will also benefit the students in our technical programs as it will allow them more time in the shops and labs," Umphrey said.

The college will also begin telephone registration this fall on a limited basis. Students, who have enrolled at Shelton State since Summer quarter 1989 and who have not attended another college or university since that time, may register for fall by telephone.

Umphrey said the amount of tuition a student will pay over the course of an entire year under the new system will remain the same, regardless of whether the college remains on the quarter or the semester system.

Under the quarter format, tuition was paid three times during the year while with the semester format, a student is charged tuition only twice. Students may pay less for books under the semester system.

Under the new semester system at Shelton State, a full time student who is taking 12 semester hours would pay \$438 which includes tuition and fees. A student who is taking 15 semester hours would pay \$547. All hours above 15 will be calculated at the rate of \$35 per credit hour.



## Chard to swap CVCC post to join SACS

PHENIX CITY -- Dr. Ann Chard, dean of Instruction at Chattahoochee Valley Community College, will leave her post at the college Sept. 11 to accept a position with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Chard will be an associate executive director for the Commission on Colleges.

Chard will work in Atlanta. She will work with colleges and universities throughout the southeastern United States as they conduct self-studies and undergo accreditation evaluations.

Chard has been an employee of the college since it was founded in 1974. She served as an instructor and chairperson in the Department of Language and Fine Arts until 1986, when she was named dean of Instruction by James Owen, CVCC's president, who is retiring. (See related story).

Owen praised Chard and her work at the college.

"During the almost 12 years I have been privileged to serve as president of Chattahoochee Valley Community College, I have had the opportunity to observe Dr. Chard's leadership skills almost on a daily basis, first as an instructor and department chairperson, and for the past six years as the chief academic officer of the college," Owen said. "In both capacities I was impressed by her intelligence, competence, and commitment to excellence -- as well as her dedication, professional integrity, efficiency and vision.

"She has given untiringly of her time, talent and energy while carrying out responsibilities that were not always enjoyable," Owen said. "She has made valuable contributions to CVCC during her



18-year tenure and she will be missed by faculty, staff and students.

"Personally, I appreciate her outstanding performance, professionalism and commitment to CVCC," Owen said.

Chard was instrumental in the creation of the developmental program, the radio/television broadcasting and technology program, and the training for business and industry initiative.

During the past six years, Chard helped secure program improvement grants for the college's nursing programs, the radio/television program, and a grant to create the Center for Assessment and Resource Identification for Business and Industry (CARI), now located on the college's campus.

Chard has been a strong advocate of close ties between the college and its community, working to increase the college's involvement in economic development and community activities.

On the state level, Chard was president of the Alabama Academic

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## Owen to retire from presidency at CVCC

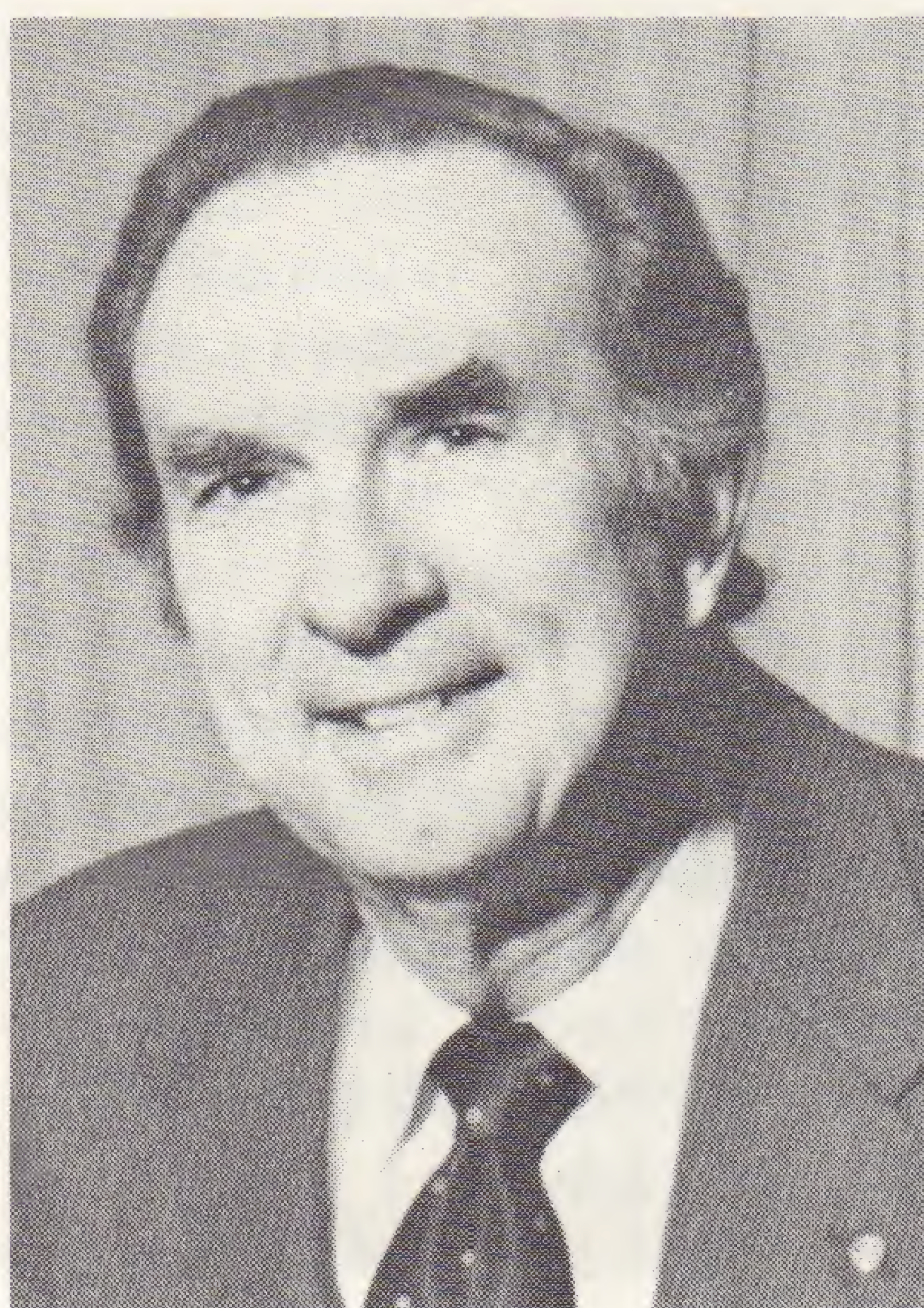
PHENIX CITY -- Almost 43 years since the date he began his career in public education, Dr. James E. Owen, president of Chattahoochee Valley State Community College, announced that he will seek retirement status effective August 31, 1992.

Owen made the announcement to college employees at the annual faculty and staff breakfast on June 5.

The Alabama State Board of Education, at the June 11th meeting, recognized his years of service to public education in the school systems of Alabama, as Deputy State Superintendent of Education, and as president of Chatta-

### Kennedy

State (then Alabama State, Mobile Center) and later earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Alabama State University. Upon completion of advanced study at Columbia University, Dr. Kennedy went on to the University of Alabama where she was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy Degree.



hoochee Valley State Community College.

A native of Jacksonville, Alabama, Owen received the Bachelor of Science degree from Jacksonville State Teachers College in 1949, the Masters of Arts degree from the University of Alabama in 1951, and the Doctor in Education degree from Auburn University in 1972. His experiences include administrative assignments as principal, instructional supervisor, assistant superintendent and superintendent in the city school systems of Talledga, Alexander City, Anniston and Phenix City.

Prior to his appointment as President of Chatta-

hoochee Valley State Community College, he was Deputy State Superintendent of Education. He was superintendent of the Phenix City School System from 1968 until 1976.

Owen has been active in many professional organizations, church and community activities. He is a member and past president of the Phenix City Rotary Club and has served on the board of directors of various civic organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, Red Cross and United Way. He is past president of the Alabama Council of Community and Junior College Presidents and a former member of the Alabama Council on Vocational Education. He served as chairperson of the Postsecondary Corrections Education Committee and the Chancellor's Institutional Management Committee.

He is married to Estelle Bain of Randolph County, Alabama. They have four adult children and seven grandchildren.



## Northwest Airlines cited for AATC work

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Northwest Airlines-Atlanta was honored today for its extraordinary commitment to technical education through a private sector partnership with Alabama Aviation & Technical College (AATC).

At a special awards ceremony hosted by the National Association of State Councils on Vocational Education (NASCOVE), Thomas E. Devine, vice-president of Maintenance and Engineering for Northwest Airlines-Atlanta, accepted the 1992 Exemplary Business Involvement Award from Peter Johnson, executive director of the Illinois State Council on Vocational Educational.

"We've enjoyed an excellent working relationship with AATC faculty, staff, and students," Devine said. "Partnerships like the one between Northwest and AATC are mutually beneficial."

Dr. Shirley Woodie, president of AATC, praised Devine and Northwest for winning this prestigious national competition and for

their very generous support of aviation education.

An awards selection committee consisting of educators, labor leaders, and members of business and industry chose Northwest for its demonstrated commitment to vocational and technical education through the partnership with the college.

As a direct result of Northwest Airlines' commitment to the partnership, the college acquired a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant of approximately \$300,000 to improve mathematics education in aviation education programs.

Over a three year period, Northwest Airlines' contribution of engineering and technical personnel resources and equipment to AATC will meet or exceed the value needed to meet the requirements for the NSF grant.

During the past two years, Northwest has contributed the following to technical education at AATC:

- 1) Provided the skills and expertise of Northwest Airlines-Atlanta engineers and technicians to assist the college in developing five new math courses and refining

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## Aviation Tech pilot honored as excellent

OZARK -- Anthony L. Westcot Jr., a student at Alabama Aviation & Technical College (AATC) is the 1992 National Winner of the Harold S. Wood Award For Excellence.

The award, sponsored by the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), was established in recognition of National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Executive Director Dr. Harold S. Wood for his outstanding contributions and dedication to aviation education.

A \$500 grant and a commemorative wooden propeller trophy is presented each year to the most outstanding collegiate scholar-pilot in the nation.

Westcot was chosen as this year's winner for his aviation scholastics, extra-curricular activities and for the valuable contributions made to his college. He is a private pilot, about to complete his commercial and instrument checkrides.

Westcot is president, captain, and coach of the Alabama Aviation and Technical College Precision Flying Team. He was a founding member of the AATC flight team and through his leadership abilities and dedication, he was the major contributor in obtaining the team charter.

He also drafted a Flight Team constitution, established a team Standard Operating Procedures Manual and obtained corporate sponsorship for team uniforms. According to John Fergus, dean of Instruction, the Precision Flight Team "may be Mr. Westcot's finest and longest lasting contribution to the college. He was instrumental in its creation, in its gaining official status within the college community, and its growth

to its current stature. Without his personal leadership and his own skills, the team would not have fared nearly as well in its initial competitive experiences."

The Flight Team won the first annual Alabama Invitational Flight Competition which included the University of Alabama, Auburn University, and AATC, held in March 1992. Last fall, AATC almost made the nationals, missing by only one point.

Included in Westcot's leadership activities with the AATC flight team is the team member tutoring program, sponsoring FAA "Wings" safety seminars and competing in two regional SAFECONs, placing third in the Top Pilot standings. He has been involved in NIFA activities since he was seven years of ranging from running score cards between judges to becoming a member of the fudging staff at the 1991 National SAFECON.

Westcot is past-president of the Student Government association, a member of the AATC Chapter of the National Vocational and Technical Honor Society and is the student representative to the AATC

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## Jeff State student named to PTK honor

BIRMINGHAM -- Jefferson State Community College Political science major Keith Brown was recently named to the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-American Team. Brown was one of only 20 students nationwide to make the "first team. Keith was awarded a trophy and \$2,500 from USA TODAY. First Team members were featured in the April 13 edition of the paper. The awards were presented at the AACJC Convention held in Phoenix, Az.

Brown is president of Jefferson State's Pi Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and secretary/treasurer of the Student Government Association. He also tutors student in math and biology.

When not busy at school or with the Air national Guard, Brown volunteers with the Children's Hospital, Big Brothers, Christian Children's Fund, and several other organizations -- all of this while maintaining a 3.86 grade point average.

"We are so very proud for

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Marketing and Recruiting Committee. Burt Allen, AATC Chief Flight Instructor, nominated Mr. Westcot for the award.

"Tony is a highly motivated student. Just give him a task to accomplish and he does it. He is well deserving of this caliber of recognition," Allen said.

Westcot is currently an Army Air Traffic Control Supervisor at Ft. Rucker, Alabama where he holds the rank of Staff Sergeant.

GAMA President Edward W. Stimpson said, "For the first time in the award's history, we have a student who has a full-time career and family while maintaining a complete course load in college. Mr. Westcot is no average college student and is to be commended for his accomplishments. Because of his personal efforts and persistence, he has become a leader among his peers."

The nine finalists in the GAMA competition included: Vincent J. Sei, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Co.; Shannon Colleen O'Hara, Arizona State University, Tempe, Az.; Kevin N. Boardman, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; Amy Danette Himic, Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas; Terry Richard Irgens, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D.; Steven K. Stewart, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Ok.; Warren Goldberg, Dowling College, Oakdale, N.Y.; Thyra Landowne, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

GAMA is a national trade association headquartered in Washington, D.C., representing 33 American manufacturers of general aviation aircraft, engines, avionics and related equipment. GAMA's members also operate fleets of aircraft, fixed based operations at many airports and pilot training facilities across the United States.



## Faulkner State, Jensen win big at Pyramids

MONTGOMERY -- Faulkner State Community College and Richard Jensen, the college's public relations director, won big at the 1992 Pyramid Awards, held June 19.

The awards, sponsored by the Alabama College System Public Relations Association, were given during a banquet at the association's annual conference. Jensen also took part in a panel discussion on effective college marketing.

Faulkner State and Jensen won three First Place Pyramid Award trophies, made of engraved glass and wood, and four award certificates for second and third place wins. The judges for the event were all public relations and advertising professionals not affiliated with the state education system.

The Pyramid Awards were presented to the college in the following categories:

**Catalog:** Faulkner State's 1992-93 catalog was presented a First Place Pyramid Award. The judges noted the catalog helped impart "a feeling for student life. . . This book was very readable."

**Print:** Faulkner State's "Young at Heart" print advertisement was presented a First Place Pyramid Award. The judges noted the ad, which is designed to appeal to older students, was "catchy," and made the reader "want to take part in the scintillating conversation" found in a Faulkner State classroom. The college swept the remainder of the print category, winning second place for its "The Gift of a Bright Future" Christmas registration ad and for another print advertisement noting the cost effectiveness of Faulkner State's tuition.



**Video:** Faulkner State's "Image" advertisement, a 60-second television ad featuring a montage of student life against a backdrop of classical music, won the First Place Pyramid Award. The college also won a Third Place Pyramid Award for another 60-second variation of the "Image" commercial.

**Brochure:** Faulkner State's viewbook, entitled "The Choice That Has It All," won a Third Place Pyramid Award, with the judges noting that the recruiting magazine was an "attractive, colorful piece."

Jensen credited the success of Faulkner State's advertising campaigns to Dr. Gary Branch, the college's president.

"Dr. Branch gives me a terrific amount of creative freedom to come up with campaigns and promotions which are different from what many of the colleges are doing," Jensen said. "He deserves a lion's share of the credit for allowing me the opportunity to brainstorm some unusual ideas into full-fledged campaigns."

Jensen, who serves as ACA's Communications Officer this year, leaves Faulkner State Aug. 31 to begin law school.



## From homeless to a success story

BAY MINETTE, Ala. -- When Melanie Lynch smiles, her green eyes flash with a dazzling, mesmerizing brilliance.

The fact that she can smile is something of a miracle. The 1992-93 Miss Faulkner, crowned May 6, was alone and homeless two years ago and resigned to an early grave. Now she is a thriving college freshman, majoring in Secondary Education with plans to earn a master's degree in Counseling and Psychology.

"I was homeless, living with whatever friend I could," Lynch said, staring intently out of an office window of the Faulkner State administration building. "My father was long gone to Nashville to try and become a singer and my mother had become an alcoholic. I was on my own."

Lynch said she assumed her life in Satsuma, where her mother had landed after drifting around for years, would result in a mythical rock n' roll-style flame-out -- a sort of "party til you die young and still beautiful" scenario which is often heralded in today's popular music and culture.

Despite the pain of being homeless and dependent on friends for existence, Lynch, who now studies philosophy and poetry as part of her self-healing, said the experience was positive.

"I learned about self actualizing," she said "I learned to know what it is to depend on yourself and to love yourself and that's helped me be as mature as I can."

"I've had a lot of counseling from teachers at Satsuma High School, my friends and instructors here at Faulkner State," she said.



Lynch said her success at Faulkner State is due to the personal, caring atmosphere at Faulkner State.

"I went to visit Faulkner State on the Satsuma High School field trip," she said. "I kept all of the literature from Faulkner, and I realized that Faulkner State has the lowest tuition in the state and at the same time had one of the best reputations. I knew it would be easier to afford going to Faulkner State than one of the big, expensive schools."

Lynch said she was surprised by her victory at the Miss Faulkner pageant. She had entered at the last minute at the urging of friends and had to borrow all of her clothes and jewelry for the pageant because she did not have the money to buy anything.

"I borrowed everything," she said. "I made a tennis skirt for the sportswear section out of an old pleated skirt my mother gave me years ago. I borrowed earrings, shoes, everything from three different people."

"Some of the girls planned for this pageant for months. I did this in one day," she said.



## 60+ program works for senior woman

BIRMINGHAM -- When Mary Schrimsher enrolled in classes at Jefferson State it was simply because her daughter Jane was taking night classes, and Mary didn't want her to drive to school alone. She had no intention of getting a degree, after all, she hadn't been a student since 1933 when she graduated from Ensley High School.

As time passed, Mary took more and more classes and eventually had earned so many credits she decided to go all out and obtain a degree in child development.

"Why not, I thought. I knew if other people could do it, I could too...eventually," she said.

Hard work and perseverance paid off for the Wylam resident, after five years of classes which included math, science, liberal arts and child development courses, Mary earned her degree.



"I don't think I'll be out hunting a job," Mary said. She plans to help her daughter, who is a storyteller for the Birmingham Public Library. "At this point, I'd just as soon work for fun as for money."

Mary credits much of her success to her husband Edward.

"He is truly the wind beneath my wings. He encourages me to do anything I want to and has the confidence that I can accomplish seemingly impossible things," she said.

Mr. Schrimsher took several classes at the college, too. Both were enrolled under the Senior Adult Scholarship Program which allows

anyone 60 or over to register without paying tuition. After classes, the two would head down to the campus park and enjoy a picnic lunch.

"Working with Mary was an enjoyment," said Pam Laning, coordinator of Jefferson States's Child Development Program. "Her varied and fascinating experiences enriched our classroom discussions and she served as a perfect example of how learning is a life-long process."

What does the future hold for Mary Schrimsher? Probably more classes at Jefferson State with her husband -- but this time just for fun.



## Hanceville's therapy program accredited

HANCEVILLE -- The Wallace State-Hanceville Physical Therapy Program recently received a five-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

The notification marked the end of a long waiting period which included earning candidacy status, preparing an extensive self-study report and undergoing on-site accreditation visits.

According to students, faculty and administration, the end results were well worth the wait.

Glenda Wilson, director of the WSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program, said it usually takes two to three years to become accredited.

"We feel as though it has been a long process but that the quality of our program was recognized as well as the support demonstrates your college, community and the health care facilities," Wilson said.

Cathy Sachs, clinical coordinator for the PTA program, stated

that one factor that had great impact in the Physical Therapist Program's success was the tremendous support provided by the college administration.

To become accredited, a PTA program must meet 10 standards. These are judged on the basis of faculty, clinical sites, curriculum, instructional equipment, library resources and several other tough standards.

"We are very pleased with the accreditation," Karen Stanfield, WSC administrative assistant to the president for health education programs said. "We were confident (about the accreditation) due to the fact that we were in compliance with the standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education."

"The hard work and dedication displayed by the faculty of the program were invaluable."

"The constant support of College President Dr. James C.

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## Wallace-Hanceville heads to World Series

HANCEVILLE -- Wallace State-Hanceville is the first baseball team from Alabama to win the Southeastern District Playoffs and gain a berth to the National Junior College World Series. The Lions, coached by Randy Putman, finished the season with a 48-16 record and a 6th in the national ranking.



## Snead State is now a community college

BOAZ -- Snead State Junior College received approval from the Alabama State Board of Education to upgrade from a junior college to a community college. Under this new classification, Snead will be able to better serve the community and its students by offering a more comprehensive program. Both the academic and technical divisions will be expanded.

The expansion of the technical curriculum will be gradual over the next several years according to Snead's president, Dr. William H. Osborn. Two programs, Electronic Engineering Technology and Engineering Design Technology (CAD), are currently being expanded to a full-time day program.

According to the State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee, SOICC, an average of 530 jobs are available annually in these technical careers. Roughly 70 percent of all openings for electronic engineering techni-

cians occur in the North Alabama region.

The upgrade will also be beneficial in attracting new industry and jobs to the area by offering strong technical training and education. Dr. Osborn anticipates

enrollment to increase by approximately 400 students over the next four years in the technical areas, in addition to the continued growth of the academic programs which has almost doubled enrollment in the last twelve years.

## McAlpine named Snead's Dean of Student Services

BOAZ -- Dr. William Osborn, president of Snead State Community College, announced the appointment of Johnny W. McAlpine, former director of Counseling Services at Snead, as the Dean of Student Services. Prior to his tenure at Snead, McAlpine served in a variety of positions including assistant principal at Gadsden High School, purchasing agent at J.F. Drake Technical College in Huntsville, and as a middle school teacher for the Gadsden City Schools. In addition, McAlpine has vast experience in private industry stemming from var-



ious positions held throughout his career.

McAlpine is currently enrolled in the Doctoral Program at the University of Alabama in the Educational Administration curriculum

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## NW student places fourth

PHIL CAMPBELL -- Northwest Community College cosmetology student Kathy Wiginton placed fourth in the nation in VICA Leadership and Skills Olympics competition in Louisville, Ky. recently.

In order to go to the Nationals, Wiginton placed first in the Alabama Cosmetology Skill contest held in April.

Wiginton competed in five phases of the practical portion of the cosmetology curriculum. In addition, she was also required to take a written test on cosmetology and VICA.

For her first place finish, Kathy received a gold medallion.

By placing first in the state, Kathy won the opportunity to represent the state of Alabama and Northwest in the national event.

Mesha Lovett earned a second place win for the Job Skill Demonstration USSO. Lovett was required to present a class in a self-selected topic and perform the task



## Wallace Bowlers win

DOTHAN -- Chad Higginbotham, of Skipperville, holds the trophy won by the Student Bowl from Wallace College at the recent state convention of the Alabama Society of Radiographic Medical Technologists.

With him here are team members (from left) Sharon Tolleson, Dothan; Pam Jordan, Enterprise; Lisa Holcomb, Elba; and Anna Matusiak, Headland.

with the presentation.

For her accomplishment she received a silver medal.

Kathy Calvert represented Northwest in the Job Interview Contest and Janie Terrell in the prepared speaking contest.

Northwest President Charlie Britnell congratulated Wiginton for her accomplishments at Northwest, in state competition and also national competition.

## Bishop tells of LPN track

MOBILE -- Bishop State has announced the beginning of an evening Career Mobility Track for LPNs who wish to obtain an associate degree as a registered nurse.

The pass rate for Bishop State graduates has been above the state and national averages.



## Mac State co-op wins state award

OPP -- Betty Strickland, a drafting and design technology student at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College, was named as the Co-op Student of the Year for the two-year colleges by the Alabama College Co-op & Placement Association.

Strickland was selected from nominees of the two-year schools based on her scholastic achievements, employer recommendations, and an essay she submitted describing how her participation in cooperative education contributed to her college experience.

As a co-op employee in the drafting department at Covington Electric Cooperative, Strickland said she was, "able to put into practice the skills I have learned in my classes and labs at MacArthur. Co-op has been a terrific experience for me, and I am so honored to be chosen for



this award."

The Alabama College Co-op & Placement Association is an association for co-op and placement professionals at Alabama's colleges and business and industry. The

association recognizes two outstanding co-op students each year -- one from the four-year colleges and universities, and one from the two-year colleges. The students receive a plaque and a \$300 cash award.



## Hanceville golf takes 6th

HANCEVILLE -- Wallace State-Hanceville golf team, with Coach Dan York finished in a tie for sixth place in the National

Junior College Athletic Association Golf Championship. Team member Iain Steel earned a spot on the NJCAA All-American Team.



## JDCC hosts high school enrichment

BREWTON -- A Summer Enrichment Scholarship Program has been implemented at Jefferson Davis Community College for a limited number of high school juniors and seniors in the college's service area.

This unique program allows excelling juniors and seniors an opportunity to get a head start on their college education by enrolling for a maximum of 10 credit hours during the summer quarter.

To qualify for the program, a student must be recommended by his or her high school principal or counselor and have maintained a "B" or higher high school grade point average.



"This program was designed to allow outstanding high school students in the area an opportunity to experience college life as well as enhance their abilities in high school," Dr. Sandra McLeod, president of

JDCC, said.

"These students have participated in a special orientation program, have taken advantage of specialized classes, and have participated as a group in weekly activities outside the classroom," she said.

## AATC hosts jurists' lunch

OZARK -- Alabama Aviation and Technical College, Wallace College-Dothan, the Ozark city schools, the Daleville city schools, and the Dale County schools

hosted a luncheon for the Alabama Supreme Court on May 7.

The event was held on the campus of Alabama Aviation Technical College,

## Brown

Keith and Jefferson State Community College," State Board of Education member Bettye Fine Collins, said. "This honor brings to light the exemplary academic talent our state has in its two-year schools."

A Center Point resident, Brown has also been awarded a tuition scholarship to the University of Alabama where he plans to

pursue a degree in law.

In all, 60 students from across the U.S. were honored in Phoenix for their excellence with 40 being named to the second and third academic teams. According to the USA TODAY article, upon graduation these students will join an elite list of others who have received degrees from two-year colleges. The names on that list include Walt Disney, H. Ross Perot, Calvin Klein and Jackie Robinson.